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SUBJECT : FRANCO-GERMAN BI-ANNUAL SUMMIT, NICE

1. SHORTLY BEFORE PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING GREETED CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT AT THE NICE-COTE D'AZUR AIRPORT AT NOON TODAY FOR THE START OF THE FIRST BI-ANNUAL FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT TO BE HELD OUTSIDE A CAPITAL, THE FLAG OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC WAS HOISTED BESIDE THE FRENCH FLAG AT THE HOTEL NEGRESKO IN NICE. THE NEGRESKO IS BEING USED AS A PRESS CENTER FOR THE 140 JOURNALISTS COVERING THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE AT LA COLLE-SUR-LOUP.

2. THE INCIDENT RECEIVED WIDE RADIO COVERAGE IN EARLY AFTERNOON BROADCASTS AND WAS SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION AMONG PARTICIPANTS AT XVI INTERNATIONAL T.V. FESTIVAL IN MONTE CARLO.

3. DIRECTOR OF NEGRESKO HAS ASSURED CONSULATE THAT INCIDENT IS ONE OF REGRETTABLE ERROR ON PART OF HOTEL STAFF. THE WEST GERMAN FLAG HAD BEEN SENT OUT FOR CLEANING AND WAS NOT IN ITS USUAL PLACE IN HOTEL'S STOREROOM : HOTEL EMPLOYEE HOISTED GDR FLAG IN ITS STEAD. MANAGER STATED HE HAS ASSURED HIMSELF THAT EMPLOYEE 'NOT EVEN AWARE EXISTENCE OF TWO GERMAN STATES'. MANAGER OF NEGRESKO HAS, THROUGH PREFECTURE OF ALPES MARITIMES, APOLOGIZED FOR ERROR TO OFFICIAL

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GERMAN DELEGATION IN NICE, AS WELL AS TO EMBASSY IN PARIS.

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